Bridge across river Jayamangali at Bychapura

427. Sri B. P. GANGADHAR (Tumkur).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether Government are aware that the plan and estimate have been prepared long back to construct a bridge across the river 'Jayamangali' at Bychapura in Koratagere Taluk;

(*b*) whether they are aware of the longstanding agitation for the construction of the said Bridge at Bychapura by the public as well as the legislators;

(*c*) whether the Government aware of the inconvenience caused to the Public and traffic during rainy season for want of the said bridge;

(*d*) whether Government intend taking up the construction of the bridge urgently ?

A.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) Yes.
(*d*) Yes, after approval to the estimate.

Batta paid to under-trial prisoners and prosecution witnesses

432. Sri G. AMARE GOWDA (Sindhanoor).—

Will the Minister for Home and Municipal Administration be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the batta (daily allowance) paid to under-trial prisoners in different parts of the State;

(*b*) the batta (daily allowance) paid to prosecution witnesses in different parts of the State ;

(*c*) whether uniformity in payment of batta is likely to be maintained in the State ?

A.—Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home and Municipal Administration).—

(*a*) The under-trial prisoners in judicial custody are paid batta whenever they are required to undertake journeys to appear before the Courts, at the rates shown in the accompanying statement I appended.

(*b*) As in Statement II appended.

(*c*) Uniformity has been achieved in respect of payment of batta to prosecution witnesses. As regards payment of batta to the under-trial prisoners, provision for payment of uniform rates will be made in the Common Jail Manual under preparation.